

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments prior to examination. Claims 10-66 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 have been canceled. Claims 24, 25, 34, 35, and 48 have been amended. Claims 58-66 are newly added. No new matter has been entered.

Claims 24 and 25 have been clarified so that the language in the last step of the method is consistent in scope with that recited in the preambles of those claims. Specifically, "surgery" has been changed to be consistent with "treatment" as recited in the preambles.

Claims 34 and 35 have been clarified so that language in the body of the claim is consistent in scope with that recited in the preambles of those claims. Specifically, "ablation" and "ablated" has been changed to be consistent with "treatment" as recited in the preambles.

Claim 48 has been clarified to be dependent from claim 47, not claim 40, to rectify an obvious typographical error.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(c), Applicant identifies that claims 58-66 are copied from U.S. Patent no. 6,463,324 (corresponding to claims 2-5, 8-10, and 12-15). A

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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PATENT APPLICATION

Request Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(a) is filed herewith as a separate paper.

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